

Lancaster Baptist Church

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**A COMMUNITY OF GRACE
THAT IS GROWING
AND GOING**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JULY

- Deacon Selection
July 3rd – 24th
- Ladies Bible study on
Thursday evenings at
Lauren Oliver
- Men's Main Event
July 22nd – 23rd in Nashville

PRAYER WARRIOR

Sunday, July 31st
Willena Crutchfield

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER
WALKING**

Monday – Friday
(7:42 – 10:02 AM)

REACH

August 1st @ 6:00 PM

From Your Pastor

It's A Heart Issue

I think we can all agree that we are seeing too many acts of terrorism, too many racial divisions, too many police shootings, and too many acts of violence in general. Every week we mourn the loss of lives. We know that man's heart is "deceitful above all and desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9) and we regularly see the results of man's evil heart. After the killing of police officers in Baton Rouge on Sunday, Baton Rouge Sheriff Sid Gautreaux said, "To me, this is not so much about gun control as it is about what's in men's hearts." We know that our country is greatly divided right now and there is much hatred and animosity towards one another. Sunday night we looked at Micah 5:5 where it says, "And He shall be their peace." The He is referring to the coming of Jesus (the Prince of Peace). The only hope for an evil heart is a new heart (conversion).

As believers in Jesus Christ, we know that only Jesus can bring true peace. Only Jesus can heal our land. We need to be praying for the Lord's healing and help for America. We, the church, need to do more in regards to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and leading the way in loving one another. We might not be able to influence the entire nation but we can be salt and light in our community. We need to make sure Jesus is proclaimed in our neighborhoods. It has never been more important that we be active and faithful in evangelism. Most importantly, we must do more in regards to evangelism.

Alistair Begg has been preaching a series called "Crossing the Barriers: Communicating the Good News in Your World" and he has said some things that has reminded me of our commission to share the Gospel. Evangelism is the normal life of the Church and can never be an optional extra. Begg recently said, "We must not miss the opportunities to become a bridge over which Christ may walk in to the hearts and of our friends and neighbors." Then he said, "There can be no significant impact without meaningful contact." His point was that we have to be in contact with, and build relationships, with unbelievers. Yes, we are to be in the world but not of the world. Jesus spoke of contact with the world without contamination by the world.

I have shared my struggles (especially since coming to Lancaster) with finding opportunities to build relationships with unbelievers. It is so easy to stay busy ministering to church members that we can often fail to interact regularly with those who are unchurched. I continue to look for ways to interact more with those outside the church. I hope you are also looking for such opportunities. We should be praying for such opportunities and we must be intentional about creating open doors towards the lost. We've talked about lifestyle evangelism and creating a culture of evangelism. I'm afraid we are doing more talking about evangelism than we are doing evangelism (I'm guilty). May we be reminded and convicted by our lack of evangelism and may we be motivated by the love of God and the glory of God to evangelize our world.

Let's proclaim Jesus Christ, the One who came and died to save us and change our hearts (give us new hearts). He can heal our land, our hatred, and our prejudices, and bring true peace. People need the Lord!

Bro. Harold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Lauren Oliver is leading a Bible study of James at her home (Eastland Acres) this summer on Thursday evenings from 7-8pm. If interested in participating, please let Lauren know (339-9383).

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP: Join Bro. Harold at 5:55 AM on Tuesday mornings starting on July 26th for prayer, Bible study and accountability. We will meet in the old fellowship hall area. Please let us know if interested.

SS TEACHER MEETING: Meeting for all SS Teachers will be Sunday August 14th at 9:00 AM in the FLC.

HISPANIC CHURCH PLANT: Iglesias Bautista Lancaster meets on Sunday's at 2:00 PM. Please be praying for this church plant and if you have any Hispanic contacts please let us know.

FALL REVIVAL: Mark your calendar for Revival (Sept. 11-14) with Dr. Richard Gaines (Consolidated Baptist).

LADIES RETREAT: September 9th and 10th at Oasis Christian Center. There are flyers on the table with information about the Center. Please contact Vicki Murphy @ 339-0246 or the church office if you are interested in attending.

PRAYER REQUEST (*Pray without ceasing... 1 Thessalonians 5:16*) Della Hall – 548-9250

Betsy Bailey
Blanche Ballard
Bob Ballard
Sue Ballard
Lynn Bateman
Connie Burchett
J.O. Burkhead
Bud Byrd
Lois Carrier
Morris Caudill
Leah Cherven
Gordon Clark
Paul Clark
Doty Ann Clifford
Levi Clontz
Junior Cox
Rosa Cranfill
Joe Crawford
Christi Crouch
Brian Crumb
Gladys Dailey
Lloyd Dailey
Tim Dailey
James Davis
David Decker
Janie Denton
Jo Denton
Mike Doughty
Mike Durham
Frankie Eden
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David Hulsing
Carolyn Hunt
Pete Jeffries
Cheryl Johnson
Julia Kay
Abby Keith
KY Choice Treatment
Carl Kidwell
Molly Lanham
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Sky Tudor
Bill Vanderpool
Tonia Warren
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Sandra Wilson
Charlotte Winter
Jacob Wix
Melanie York

HOMEBOUND
Bob Ballard
Jewell Callis
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Nellie Cole
JoAnn Grow
Allene (Peg) Dollins
Juanita Gullett
Della Meadows (CCC)
Anna Meadows
Tina Montgomery (CCC)
Marie Naylor
Dorothy Shockley (CCC)
Myrtle Stump (CCC)

LBC
Bro. Harold & family
Bro. Stephen & family
Bro. Nehemiah & family
Bro. Ken & family
Chervens
Amanda Hubler
Michael Anderson
Tudors
Our Deacons
Our SS Teachers
Church Leaders
New Believers
Lost

COMMUNITY
County Judge (Wilson)
City Mayor (Davis)
Representative (Shell)
Police/Sheriff Dept.
Fire/EMS
Schools
Lost
DUI Class participants

NATION
President (Obama)
Governor (Bevins)
Legislatures
Armed Forces
Missionaries